

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 23 May 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE17/071) - 457 Changes - Feedback from stakeholders - Programme 2.3: Visas

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA 10) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: I am wondering, Mr Pezzullo, in terms of feedback you have had across government on these changes to the 457 visas can you provide copies of letters, emails and correspondence to the department or to the minister from stakeholders, individual companies, universities and medical research institutes?

Mr Pezzullo: I would very happily take that on notice.

Senator KIM CARR: Thank you.

Mr Pezzullo: Can I take it, as inferred in your question, that that would involve getting their consent—

Senator KIM CARR: I presume the normal protocols would apply.

Mr Pezzullo: or do you demand it with the power of the Senate? I am just asking whether you are comfortable with us going back to them?

Senator KIM CARR: I do not mind if you ask them, but I want it within a reasonable time.

Mr Pezzullo: We will take it on notice and we will do it on the basis of consensual.

Senator KIM CARR: This could take considerable time under the normal communication system of this place, so I do want them within the normal time.

Mr Pezzullo: We will do it within the notice period.

Answer:

Providing this level of detail would be an unreasonable diversion of resources. Other QoNs that relate to correspondence received in respect to 457 reforms are BE17/068, BE17/098, and BE17/244.